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LAUNCH AREA "D"

IMENI GASTELLO ICBM COMPLEX, USSR

1. [REDACTED] REVEALED A NEWLY IDENTIFIED LAUNCH AREA "D" TO BE LOCATED 4.0 NM WEST OF THE COMPLEX SUPPORT FACILITY. AT THAT TIME IT CONSISTED OF AN IRREGULAR U-SHAPED EXCAVATION ENCLOSED BY A PROBABLE BOARD FENCE. FIVE MEDIUM-SIZED BUILDINGS, ONE SMALL BUILDING, AND ONE T-SHAPED BUILDING WERE LOCATED SW OF THE SITE. ACTIVITY AT THIS AREA COULD BE OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] AND WAS NOT PRESENT ON [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] REVEALS LAUNCH AREA D IS IN A MID-STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. A SOLID FENCE ENCLOSES THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE SILO EXCAVATION AND A SILO OR SILO CORING IS PRESENT WITHIN THE EXCAVATION. THE INITIAL GRADING FOR A LOOP ROAD IS PRESENT. THERE IS A GENERALLY RECTANGULAR EXCAVATION LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE THE SE CORNER OF THE SOLID FENCE AND 2 RECTANGULAR BUILDINGS ARE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1,300 FT SW OF THE EXCAVATION. THERE IS AN UNUSUALLY LARGE FENCE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AROUND MOST OF THE ABOVE FEATURES. THERE ARE 7 RECTANGULAR BUILDINGS, ONE T-SHAPED BUILDING, AND 4 SMALLER BUILDINGS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 3,200 FT SOUTH OF THE SILO EXCAVATION. (NOT SHOWN IN GRAPHIC.)

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3. THIS IS A 100 X ENLARGEMENT OF LAUNCH AREA "D" DEPICTED ON GRAPHIC

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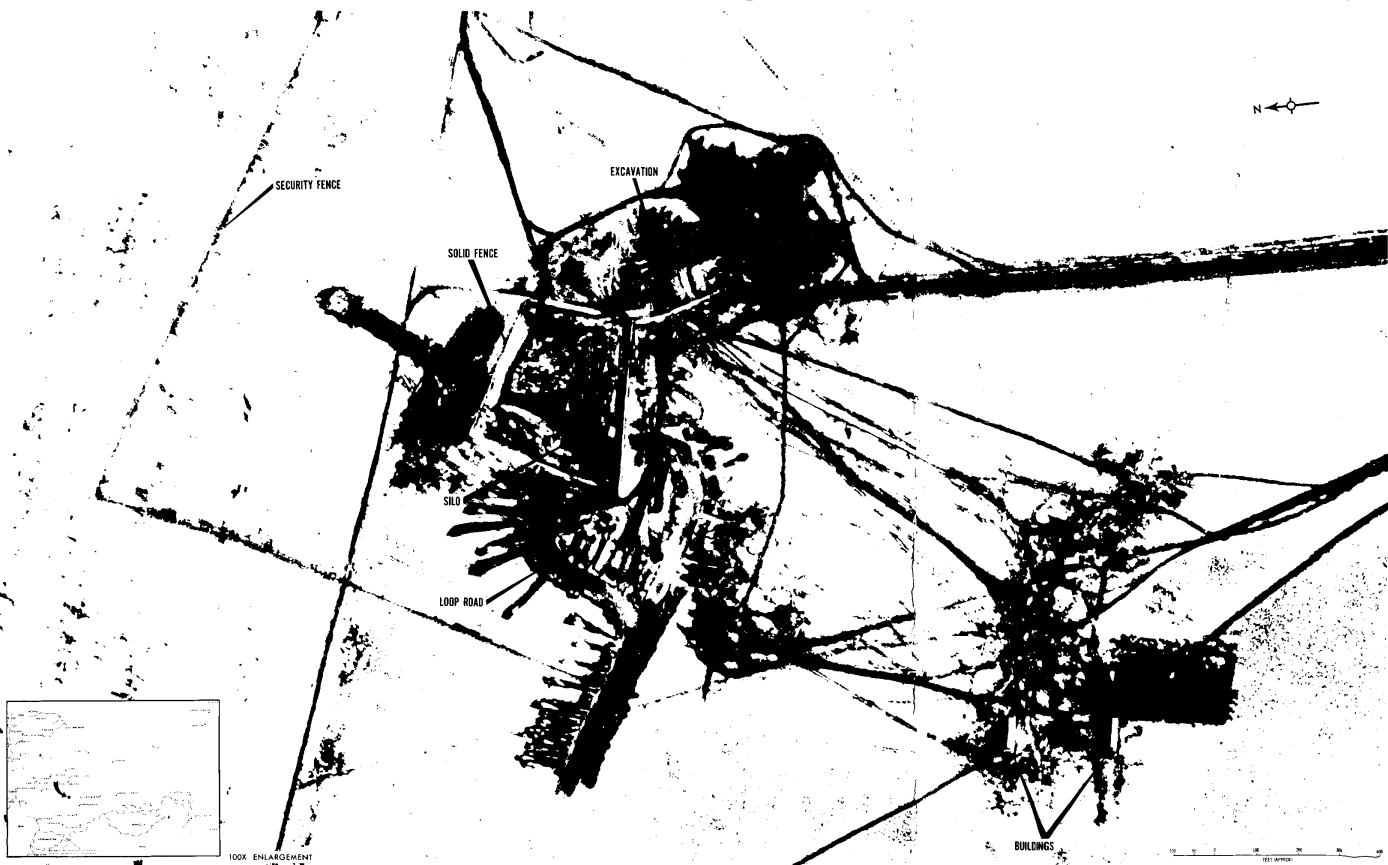
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